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# Cultural Center Calendar February 1993

La Peña Cultural Center gratefully acknowledges funding support for our artistic programs from the following: Alameda County Arts Commission, California Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, Zellerbach Family Fund, Berkeley Civic Arts Commission, San Francisco Foundation.

| DOM - SUN | LUN - MON | MAR - TUE | MIER - WED | JUEV-THURS | VIER - FRI | SAB - SAT |
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| | **1** Latin American music and dance workshops. See back of calendar for listings. | **2** Latin American music and dance workshops.See back of calendar for listings. Visit La Tienda for Latin American recordings, books in English & Spanish, crafts, greeting cards, posters, t-shirts and more. Open Tue.-Sat. Call 849-2215 | **3** No evening program scheduled. Visit La Tienda for Latin American recordings, books in English and Spanish, crafts, greeting cards, posters, t-shirts and more. | **4** UPDATE **Community Organizing** Come hear an update on community organizing in Nicaragua given by **Ramón Gómez** and **Chepita Hernández**, two leaders of the Estelí Movimiento Comunal. Sponsored by NICCA. For more information, call (510) 428-2146. **7:30pm $4-$10 sliding scale** | **5** CONCERT **Duchicela On tour from Ecuador** **Duchicela**, a dynamic 5-member group brings the traditional music of the highlands of Ecuador to La Peña. The group features instruments such as the *rondador*, *bandolin*, *pallas*, *charango*, and panpipes. **8:30pm $8** | **6** **Sat. Morning Kids' Show (see box below)** THEATER **Dark Fruit Pomo Afro Homos** A performance piece that blends satire, reminiscence, and rage to explore the contradictions of Black gay life. "Vigorous, original and impassioned" – SF Chronicle **8pm $10** **Adv. tix available at La Tienda until 2/5/93** |
| **7** **Poetic Lesbian Erotica** Monthertongue, a feminist theater collective, is a grassroots organization founded in the belief that women find strength and joy in telling truths to one another. This new poetic work is a collage of dialogues, poems, stoires, songs, drums and one liners read by some of the collective members. It was created from a broad range of experiences filtered through a feminist group process. **7:30pm $5-$7 *** | **8** Latin American music and dance workshops. See back of calendar for listings. | **9** Latin American music and dance workshops.See back of calendar for listings. Visit La Tienda for Latin American recordings, books in English and Spanish, crafts, greeting cards, posters, t-shirts and more. Open Tue.-Sat. Call 849-2215 | **10** VIDEO **When the Mountains Tremble** (85 min.1984) A visually powerful documentary focussing on the growth in the 70s of the popular movement formed in opposition to years of military dictatorships. Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchu's narrative weaves together the historical, cultural, and political forces at work in modern day Guatemala Sponsored by the G.N.&I.B. **7:30pm $5-7*** | **11** FILM BENEFIT **Zapotecas: Women of the Isthmus.** A benefit for a film by Ellen Osborne and Maureen Gosling. Featuring: clips from Zapotecas; music by Erika Luckett and Jackeline Rago of Mango Jam; and Gap-Toothed Women, a film by Les Blank & Maureen Gosling. **Zapotecas** celebrates the legendary women of Oaxaca, Mexico. **7:30pm $9 adv. at La Tienda and $10 at the door *** | **12** COMEDY **Marga Gomez Stand-up Diversity** Award winning comedian, Marga Gomez will address body piercings, dental hygiene, Puerto Rican cooking tips and other burning isues in a rare East Bay appearance. Marga has recently been featured on **HBO's On The Ledge** and on **Rosie O'Donnel's Stand-Up Spotlight on VH-1** **8:30pm $8** | **13** **Sat. Morning Kids' Show (see box below)** **DANCE** **Bring your Valentine to a salsa dance !** **Cubanacan** **9:30pm $8** |
| **14** No evening program scheduled. La Peña's space is available for rental. Call and check out our reasonable rates. The café is open from 5pm | **15** Latin American music and dance workshops. See back of calendar for listings. **La Peña's office are closed today.** President's Day | **16** BENEFIT **"An Evening by and for the Youth of the World"** Youth drumming, fresh ideas, young speakers, and new entertainment, sponsored by the International Indian Treaty Council. For more information and details regarding this event, call (415) 566-0251. **7:30pm donation *** | **17 & 18** THEATER **Yonder Comes Day** **Marijo** returns to La Peña with her powerful solo performance piece "Yonder Comes Day". It is multidisciplinary, weaving together many elements of comedy, drama, music and poetry to focus on one of society's most devasting diseases, AIDS. The performance features Marijo portraying a host of ordinary people who must cope with the issue of AIDS in the black community. "**Marijo** has a special gift for capturing real-life dialogue and the cadence of off-beat characters." Oakland Tribune. "The solo theater work "Yonder Comes Day" comes from the heart and the message it sends informs us with an intense energy..." Chicago Tribune. Sponsored by AMASSI (African American AIDS Support Service & Survival Institute **7:30pm $10* Free to people with A.I.D.S. and seniors** | | **19** Noche Folklorica Chilena **Grupo Araucaria and Friends** present the music and dance of Chile. They will be presenting regional dances of Chile as well as the folkloric music of their beloved homeland. **8pm $6** | **20** **Sat. Morning Kids' Show (see box below)** CONCERT **Melanie De More** With a voice described as "hard as obsidian and sweet as chocolate," her deep, evocative sound can call forth a response from deep inside listeners. Melanie describes her music as "in the African American folk tradition of Odetta," to whom she has often been compared. **8:30pm $7-$10** |
| **21** FORUM **Will the U.S. intervention in Somalia help or hurt the Somali people?** What should the role of the progressive community be towards such interventions? Come discuss your own questions and ideas with a panel of experts, including **Kevin Danaher** and **Walter Turner** of Global Exchange, and **Abdi Mohammed**, a Somali community activists. **7:30pm $3-$4** | **22** Latin American music and dance workshops. See back of calendar for listings. | **23** Latin American music and dance workshops.See back of calendar for listings. Visit La Tienda for Latin American recordings, books in English and Spanish, crafts, greeting cards, posters, t-shirts and more. Open Tue.-Sat. Call 849-2215 | **24** No evening progam scheduled The café is open from 5pm La Tienda is open 12-8pm | **25** UPDATE After 400 Palestinians were expelled in December, around 10,000 political prisoners are still being held in Israel under inhumane conditions. An update on the human rights situation in Palestine, with an illustrated talk by local Palestinian community activist **Elias Rashmawi**. Spon. by the Palestine Solidarity Committee. **7:30pm $3-5 sliding scale*** | **26** **DANCE** **Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band** **salsa, cumbia, polkas y más** **9:30pm $8** | **27** **Sat. Morning Kids' Show (see box below)** **DANCE** **Move your feet to the Afro-Cuban beat of Conjunto Céspedes** **9:30pm $8** |
| **28** Jazz Poetry **UpSurge!** Featuring Raymond Nat Turner, Phillip Byers, drums, Damon Bramble, sax, David Ewell, bass, and Zigi Lowenberg. UpSurge is a performance poetry-jazz ensemble combining poetry with jazz. They draw on the legacy of the Langston Hughes and Charles Mingus collaboration. Turner has shared the stage with SunRa, Sonia Sanchez & James Baldwin. **7:30pm $5** | | | | | | |

# Celebrate Black History Month



La Peña's Children's Programs presents noted storyteller and performer **Awele Makeba**. Sat. Feb. 6, 10:30am

## Saturday Morning Children's Programs

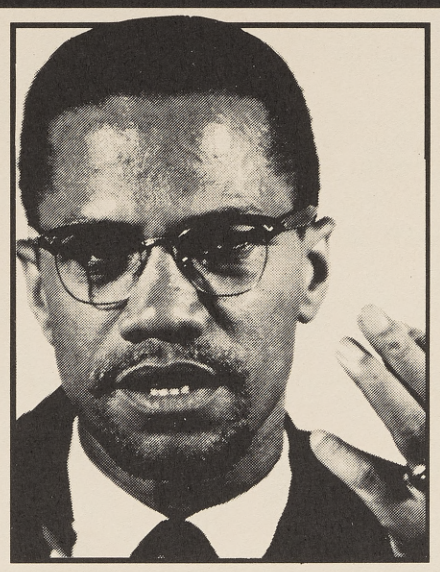
### All programs begin at 10:30am
### Adults $3 • Children $2

**Feb. 6: Amiguitos de La Peña** kicks off Black History Month with storyteller, performer and educator **Awele Makeba**. Awele specializes in children's literature, African folktales, plantation tales, and stories from other cultures. Her stories serve to inspire and educate young people of all cultures.

**Feb. 13: Mascaritas Puppet Theater** presents "The Yellow Submarine "an adaptation of the Beatle's film.

**Feb. 20: Amiguitos de La Peña** present stories and songs with Machael Litsky and Ariel Grey.

**Feb. 27: Plum City Players** with Bonnie, Nancy, and Annie featuring songs, stories, and games.



Sometimes, I have dared to dream...that one day, history may even say that my voice–which disturbed the white man's smugness, and his arrogance, and his complacency–that my voice helped to save America from a grave, possibly even fatal catastrophe
– Malcolm X Autobiography 1965

# HIGHLIGHTS



## Duchicela
## Friday February 5 • 8:30pm

Re-scheduled from Oct. because of I.N.S. problems, this 5 member group from Cacha, Ecuador brings the traditional music of Ecuador featuring instruments such as the *rondador, bandolín, pallas, charango*, and *zampoña*s. Their repertoire include traditional and ancient rhythms such as *yaravi*, *carnaval*, *danza incaica*, *tonada*, *danzante*, and the popular *pasillos*.



Photo by Jill Posener

## Dark Fruit with Pomo Afro Homos
## Saturday Feb. 6 • 8pm

The *Los Angeles Times* calls **Dark Fruit** "remarkable...a rollicking piece of satire". The London's *City Limits* calls the Pomos "hugely entertaining and refreshing,...good stuff!". The *Oakland Tribune* calls Dark Fruit "funny, provocative, and polished...just what the doctor ordered".



## Zapotecas: Women of the Isthmus
## Thursday February 11 • 7:30pm

A benefit for Bay Area filmmakers, Ellen Osborne and Maureen Gosling's work-in-progress film. They will be showing a 14 minute clip from **Zapotecas** filmed in the summer of '92. The clip gives a tasty introduction to the vivid culture and dynamic women of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. As part of the fundraiser, Les Blank's film **Gap-Toothed Women** will be screened and there will be music with Erika Luckett and Jackeline Rago of Mango Jam.



Photo by Irene Young

## Marga Gomez
## Friday February 12 • 8:30pm

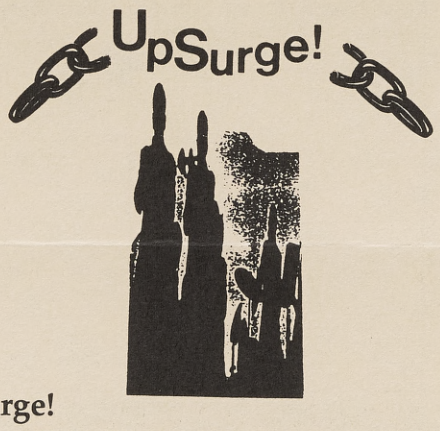
Comedian, Marga Gomez will address body piercings, dental hygiene, and Puerto Rican cooking tips.



Photo by Irene Young

## Melanie De More
## Saturday Feb. 20 • 8:30pm

Join Redwood recording artist for an evening of song. Melanie's' second album "Share My Song" released on Redwood Records is an affirming heartfelt collection of mostly originial compositions which explore the themes of transition, relationship, spiritual quest and discovery.




## UpSurge!
## Sunday Feb. 28 • 7:30pm

Close out Black History Month with an **UpSurge**!, a performance poetry-jazz ensemble led by "people's poet" Raymond 'Nat' Turner. "Wonderful, inspirational music..." "Righteous!" are some of the written comments of audiences after an **UpSurge!** performance.

La Peña is a bilingual multicultural center open seven nights a week for concerts, films, dances, classes, and grassroots fundraising events. Since 1975 La Peña has relied on support from the community in the form of volunteer work and contributions. Without this support we could not exist. La Peña is a non-profit tax-exempt organization. We urge everyone who appreciates our programs to make a donation to help La Peña continue its work as a center of progressive culture. ¡Que viva La Peña!

❑ Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of $_____ to support La Peña's diverse programming

❑ Please send me the calendar of events for one year ($2 minimum donation, actual cost to La Peña is $7)

❑ I would like to become a La Peña bill-of-the-month supporter.
Enclosed is my first monthly pledge of $_____(minimum monthly pledge $5)

❑ I am interested in volunteering at La Peña. Please contact me.

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Since 1975, more than 500 community groups have used our facilities. The use of our space by these organizations does not mean that La Peña endorses the views presented. La Peña feels that it is important to help stimulate an environment conducive to discussion and understanding among different peoples.

CLASS SCHEDULE AT LA PEÑA

La Peña is proud to offer free Latin American workshops sponsored by the California Arts Council Artist in Residence program and La Peña. This year the CAC has awarded a grant to a new artist, Gilberto Gutierrez, from Mexico, to teach music, song and dance of the son jarocho of southern Veracruz, Mexico. Rafael Manríquez, from Chile, was also awarded a CAC grant to teach guitar and direct the La Peña Community Chorus. In addition, former CAC artists and others will offer classes for a fee. Payments for fee classes are made every 5 weeks. Enrollment in all classes is limited and permission from the instructor is required. For more information, call Sylvia at (510) 849-2572 M - F 12 - 4 pm.

•Zapateado Workshop, Mexican folkloric dance from Veracruz
(Tuesday, 5:30 - 7:30 pm) Instructor: Gilberto Gutierrez. Free

•Mexican Son Jarocho Music Workshop, instruction in rhythm and jarana, an 8 string guitar like Mexican instrument
(Tuesday, 7:30 - 9:30 pm ) Instructor: Gilberto Gutierrez Free

•Children's class in Son Jarocho, zapateado, Mexican folkloric dance and rhythm and songs Call to inquire about this class.
(Wednesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm) Instructor: Gilberto Gutierrez Free

•Beginning Latin American Guitar
(Thur. 7:45pm-8:30pm) Instructor: Rafael Manríquez. Call for class time. Free

•Intermediate Latin American Guitar
(Thur.8:40pm-9:30) Instructor: Rafael Manríquez. Call to confirm time. Free

•Advanced Latin American Guitar
(Thur 9:30-10:45.) Instructor: Rafael Manríquez. Call to confirm time Free

•Latin American Chorus
(Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 pm) Director: Rafael Manríquez
(basses and tenors needed) Free

•Afro-Cuban Percussion, folkloric and popular rhythms
(Thursday, 5:30 - 7:30 pm) Instructor: Roberto Borrell $12/class

•Introduction to Venezuelan Cuatro, a 4-stringed guitar like instrument
(Tuesday, 630 - 7:30 pm) Instructor: Jackeline Rago $10/class

•Advanced Venezuelan Cuatro
(Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 pm) Instructor: Jackeline Rago $10/class
for continuing students only

• Beginning Afro-Venezuelan Percussion
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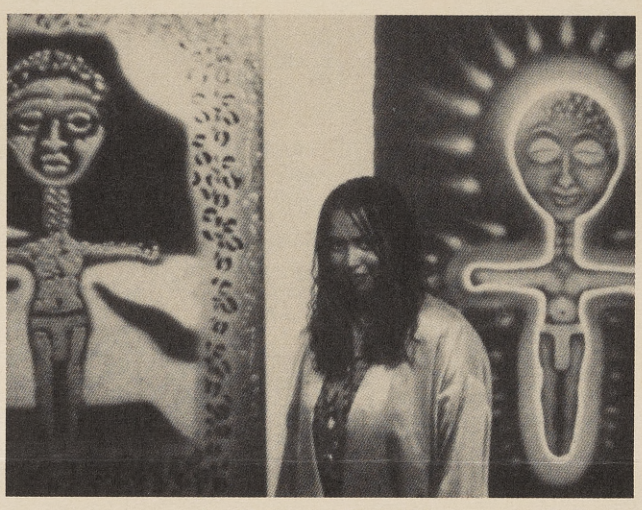
•Advanced Afro-Venezuelan Percussion/
(Monday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm) Instructor: Jackeline Rago $10/class
for continuing students only

•Brazilian Dance
(Sunday, 12 - 1:30 pm) Instructor: Yolanda Caliz of Mexe-Mexe
$7/class $30/5 classes. For more info., call 510-528-3029.

•Salsa and Afro-Cuban Dance
(Sunday, 1:30 - 3:00 pm) Instructor: Linda Arizona $5/class

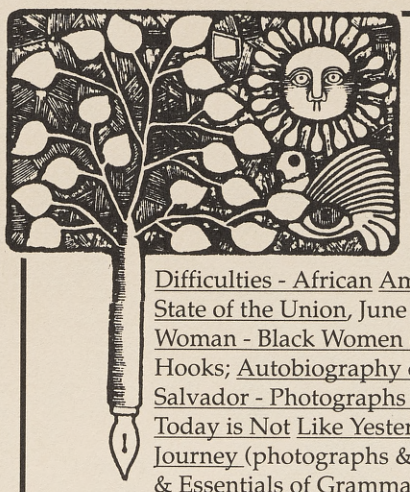
**Bay Area Anti-Apartheid Network**

The Bay Area Anti-Apartheid Network meets regularly on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to 1pm in La Peña's Community Meeting Room.



## La Peña Art Exhibit

La Peña and Taller Sin Fronteras feature the work of Oden Santiago: **Fertile Flames: African Fertility Dolls and AIDS Mircographic Images**. Merging fine art and medical art, Oden Santiago uses fertility dolls with micrographic images of sperm and AIDS. This work is sometimes viewed as abstract because people aren't used to seeing micrographic images blown up the way they appear in some of these paintings. The show is up from February through March.



## NEW AT LA TIENDA!

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**BOOKS:** Technical Difficulties - African American Notes on the State of the Union, June Jordan; Ain't I a Woman - Black Women & Feminism, Bell Hooks; Autobiography of Malcolm X, El Salvador - Photographs by Adam Kufeld, Today is Not Like Yesterday, A Chilean Journey (photographs & text), Spanish Verbs & Essentials of Grammar • **MUSIC:** Anacaona Ay!; latest release of Dr. Loco!; Silvio Rodriquez, Autobiografico; De Mi - Mercedes Sosa; Síntesis - Ancestros; Giovanni Hidalgo, Villa Hidalgo; Ritmo Oriental; Orquesta Original De Manzanillo, Puros **VIDEOS:** Jerry Gonzales - Conga Drumming, Afro-Cuban rhythms, Rumbas y Comparsas de Cuba, Rum Rhythm & Spice featuring many Cuban bands.